



St Peter's Caversham

June 5 2016

The Pebble

Ordinary 10

### Contraband

The tree of knowledge was the tree of reason.  
That's why the taste of it  
drove us from Eden. That fruit  
was meant to be dried and milled to a fine powder  
for use a pinch at a time, a condiment.  
God had probably planned to tell us later  
About this new pleasure.

We stuffed our mouths full of it,  
Gorged on *but* and *if* and *how* and again  
*but*, knowing no better.  
It's toxic in large quantities; fumes  
swirled in our heads and around us  
to form a dense cloud that hardened us to steel,  
a wall between us and God, Who was Paradise.  
Not that God is unreasonable – but reason  
in such excess was tyranny  
and locked us into its limits, a polished cell  
reflecting our faces. God lives  
on the other side of that mirror,  
but through the slit where the barrier doesn't  
quite touch ground, manages still  
to squeeze in – as filtered light,  
splinters of fire, a strain of music heard  
then lost, then heard again.

Denise Levertov

## A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.  
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered  
in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone  
is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish  
Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

### The Liturgy for Today

**8.00 am** Holy Eucharist (1662)  
**10:30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist  
**5.00 pm** Sung Evensong and Benediction

#### HYMNS:

**436** Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
**486** We have a gospel to proclaim  
**297** Lord Jesus Christ  
**445** Rock of ages, cleft for me  
**493** Rejoice, O land, in God thy might

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[1 Kings 17: 17-24](#)

The response to [Psalm 30](#) is:

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me**

[Galatians 1: 11-19](#)

[Luke 7: 11-17](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13](#)

[Galatians 2: 16, 19-21](#)

[Luke 7:36-8:3](#)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Carillon* Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

### Parish News

**Evensong at 5pm** Our monthly Sung Evensong and Benediction is at 5pm this evening followed by a social hour.

**Tree removal** Last Wednesday Delta cut down the elm tree with the bi-furcated trunk along the Baker St Tree line. Due to some quick witted thinking by Tubby Hopkins our Vicar's Warden the resulting fire wood was sold to an interested bidder for \$400 thus partially defraying the removal costs.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Thursday afternoon. Please mention to Tubby Hopkins or Kate Paterson any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Musical weekend in July** Dates have now been confirmed with George Chittenden, Cathedral organist, before he departs for Sweden with his celebrity organ concert taking place on Saturday 16 July at 2 pm and the Dunedin Cathedral Choir visit to St Peter's occurring the following day on Sunday 17 July for a 5 pm Service of Evensong and Benediction.

**Frances Hodgkins** The usual cycle of Frances Hodgkin's events have been retimetabled because of the Vicar's leave arrangements. He will celebrate the Eucharist there this coming Thursday 9 June at 11 am, and the house group will meet on Monday 13 June in the Garden Lounge at 2 pm.

**Arrangements for the Parish Patronal Festival** St Peter's will celebrate its Patronal Festival on Sunday 26 June. We will gather at the Mornington Tavern for a parish lunch after the 10.30 am Service, and Evensong and Benediction will follow at 5 pm.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Joan Ferguson and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have recently died** especially Bishop Leonard Boyle.

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Elma Coxon, Winifred Murray, and Mary Brown.

**Holy Cross St Kilda to be sold** Our neighbouring Anglican Church of Holy Cross St Kilda is soon to be sold by tender. It ceased to be used for worship several years ago when an engineering assessment found it to be well below earthquake safety standards, and Holy Cross parishioners have been worshipping in the nearby hall since. Marketing will commence once the goods stored inside are removed and when the Church has been de-consecrated sometime in June. St Peter's originally caused the Church to be built as a mission Church and Chapel of ease just before the First World War, and then permitted the parish to begin its independent existence in 1917.

**Teschemakers expedition** A parish outing to Teschemakers is planned for Saturday 1 October. Mass will be celebrated in the wonderful Chapel, lunch will follow on site at a cost of \$25 a head, there will be a tour, and then we will adjourn to the Victorian Warehouse Precinct of Oamaru. We are gauging potential support for this outing with a view to the size of the bus we should hire. This has a bearing on the overall cost of the outing. Please indicate on the noticeboard in the Link if you would like to be a part of this expedition. Think also of friends who might want to be included.

**Parish history** Amongst background research reading which the Vicar is undertaking as part of the beginning research on the parish history is Grace Bateman's 2013 PhD Thesis "Signs and Graces: Remembering Religion in Childhood in Southern Dunedin, 1920-1950," examining the meanings of everyday experiences of religion for children in southern Dunedin. Not a few of the people interviewed for the study attended St Peter's Caversham in their younger days, though their identities are protected by pseudonymous names in the thesis. If you are one of them, and wouldn't mind doing so, please let the Vicar know. It is surprising in this secular age how many Otago PhD theses have religious themes.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron – 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins – 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson – 455-5384

**Stewardship Recorder:** Averil Hopkins - 454-2399

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